

WALTERIA NURSERY STARTS GRAND OPENING TODAY

Walteria Nursery, 24035 Hawthorne Blvd., will have its grand opening this week end. Entertainment will be provided by a Hawaiian band complete with hula dancers. Besides the entertainment, door prizes will be given away every two hours. Leo Davis, soil chemist, and Harley Yunt, garden authority, representing Swift & Co. (makers of Vigoro), will be on hand to test soil for toxic elements. See them Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will test your soil FREE of charge for toxic elements which may be causing you to produce poor gardens. (entertainment, Sat. and Sun. afternoon.)

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World Famed Wistaria Now in Bloom

The largest blossoming plant in the world and Southern California's most outstanding garden attraction, the Sierra Madre Wistaria Vine, is again in bloom.

Grounds of the world famous vine, readily acknowledged as a horticultural wonder, today were opened to the public for the 1955 blossoming season by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the 41st annual Wistaria Festival.

Thousands of visitors again are expected to visit the monstrous trellis-hung plant, which covers more than an acre and which will produce more than one million blossoms this year.

During the blossoming season through April the vine grounds will be open daily from 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., and to honor the festival the Board of Supervisors has designated the week of March 20th as "Wistaria Week" throughout Los Angeles County.

Revolver Taken

A .45 caliber revolver, valued at \$40, was taken from his house trailer Monday, Anthony Delia, of 21729 S. Figueroa St., told sheriff's deputies.



Dad's Domain

A compact wardrobe-dressing room can make dad's hasty exit in the morning much more pleasant. This one, built of lovely-toned Douglas fir, is a dream. Everything dad wears is within arm's reach. Mirrors back up each door which closes snugly as part of the wall panels when not in use.

TRUCK EXPERTS

One of eight trucks produced in the U.S. in 1953 was for export purposes.

Ruffled Petunia Solid Citizen In Garden Plot

And surely spring is around the corner when the California Bedding Plant Advisory Board selects Ruffled Petunia as the Bedding Plant of the Week, for here is a solid citizen of the summer garden. Already a sense of urgency is noted in certain plant items. Hurry! Hurry! Hurry before it is too late!

Luckily we have several months to reap the full benefits of setting out a flat or two of ruffled petunias, however, the sooner accomplished the greater the benefits received. For ruffled petunias planted now will ordinarily give color within a few weeks and continue on until late September or October. And such colors.

In mixtures Ruffled Petunias are usually sold in a dwarf strain and a tall strain. Each has its peculiar merits and should be used accordingly. The dwarf strain is larger flowered with a more limited color range. The tall strain is a little rangy in growth with smaller flowers and the compensation of much wider color range. Some solid colors are available and particular interest has been noticed in the fine F-1 hybrid ruffled petunias such as Tango, Ballerina, La Paloma and others. For the small premium in price the F-1 hybrids are a good investment in gardening pleasure. The outstanding characteristic of the F-1 hybrid petunia is their trueness to color. Rogues or off-color plants are practically nonexistent and the resulting garden performance is heart warming.

Petunias are sun lovers. Within limitations they are drought resistant. They are one of the easiest plants to care for and combine well in cultural requirements with many other sturdy summer annuals such as marigolds, phlox, dahlia, zinnia, aster, ageratum, balsam, portulaca, celosia and verbena, to mention a few. Petunias spread out, so allow room for side growth. Borders in particular should be planted with at least a foot of open ground for the petunias to occupy. The taller plants can fight their own battle for space but the effect is generally more pleasing if ample room is allowed.

Needs No Pruning
Very popular for street plantings as well as large lawn areas, the camphor tree has aromatic light green foliage that is tinged yellow in the spring. It is a strong wood is very wind resistant and it requires no pruning. Furthermore the camphor is adaptable to soil and water variations.

If there's a spot where you need a windbreak you may grow the carob as a many-branched shrub for it is tolerant of drought and alkaline soils, and is practically pest free. As a full grown tree the carob, or St. John's Bread as it is otherwise known, grows to 40 feet with shiny dark green leaflets, wavy-edged.

For a backyard shade provider try the California live oak, a picturesque native. The Oaks are generally thought to be slow-growing but with little care and watering their growth is moderately rapid.



RUFFLED PETUNIA

Several Popular Evergreen Shade Trees Suggested

With a little imagination several of the great variety of evergreen shade trees can be planted throughout your grounds and yards to function in all phases of garden and outdoor life.

Especially appealing for a large area where you and your family will congregate, says the California Association of Nurserymen, is the southern magnolia tree which provides ample shade. This evergreen has a 40 foot spread and appealingly fragrant white flowers.

In a patio or beside a pool the graceful weeping branches of the pepper tree is very eye appealing. The pepper is a rapid growing tree with gnarled trunks to contrast with its feathery foliage and red winter berries.

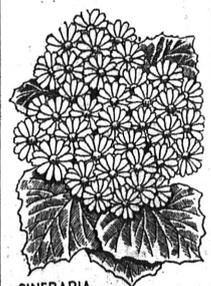
The evergreen elm is a small tree with bright green foliage growing in a drooping manner. Used for street planting, it is also ideal for providing shade in the yard of a small home.

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Cineraria Now Queen of Shade Garden Plants

Mention a cool shady garden and thoughts of Cineraria come to mind. According to the California Bedding Plant Advisory Board, Cinerarias rank first for shade garden planting in California. They are such a natural subject for this purpose, it is little wonder that the standard recommendation for the north side of buildings, walls and fences and the problem spots that exist under trees and overhanging masses of shrubbery is to plant a flat of Cinerarias. Cinerarias are deceptively sturdy. Fragile in appearance, once well-established, they are



CINERARIA

able to overcome freezes that will kill off all top growth, in advertant chopping that cuts off practically all their root structure, and periods of drought that will overcome many of their sturdier looking plant cousins. Of course, they do not thrive on such abuse, but rather, will respond generously to good care, which means — a shade location, a soil prepared with 1/2 to 1/4 of good organic humus, a monthly feeding with an acid liquid fertilizer, little or no cultivation, generous amounts of water, and control of slugs, snails, ants, aphids, white fly, red spider, and leaf miner.

Cinerarias as a garden subject are unknown to many California newcomers who have seen them used only as florist pot plants with a comparatively high price tag. While Cinerarias make excellent pot plants for a cool room, they are even more useful as a garden plant. Single plants will fill out a full square foot of bed space, and a single flat will handle most of the shade garden bedding plant requirements for the average small home. By selecting a few of the sturdier plants in a flat it is possible to grow potted Cinerarias in the open garden. Plants should be first set into 3" pots and plunged into the soil. When rootbound they should be stepped up to 4" pots and later into 5" and even 6" pots. The larger sized pots should be set part way into the soil and the potting mixture should be at least one half humus to insure a light mixture and good drainage. No special care is required and the results are rewarding.

Hawaiian Group To Fete Nursery
Joe Weawe and his Harmony Hawaiians, billed as the 49th State recording artist, will appear direct from Hawaii for the grand opening of Bob's Walteria Nursery Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, it was reported yesterday.

The Hawaiian show will include performances by a genuine Hula dance troupe.

The nursery is located at Hawthorne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Gardeners Will Hear About Lawns, Roses

Readying lawns for summer weather and the propagation of roses, will be discussed at the Littlefield—on "Garden Chat" Sunday at 12:30 p.m., on KTLA, Channel 5.

Discussion will center around cutting flowers properly and ridding the roses of suckers, permanently.

Suggestions for Easter pot plants will also be given to viewers of this week's "Garden Chats."

Ornamental Iron Work Has Equipment Stolen

Equipment worth \$170 was stolen from the Ornamental Iron Works, 1815 W. 213th St., Thursday night, John P. Hovis reported to Torrance Police.

Taken were a welding cable worth \$148, a battery valued at \$19, and a grading wire worth \$12, he said.

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